

Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, August 7, 2003, at the lower conference room at City Hall. Leonard Bertin called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present:	L. Bertin, member	C. Buchanan, member
	A. Done, member	K. Gauri, member
	D. House, member	N. Johnson, member
	D. Kuschinsky	P. Manetta, member
	D. Patron, member	J. Rodgers, member
	G. Yau, student member	

Also	M. Grusnick, staff
Present:	M. McGinnis, staff

Absent:	S. Burt, alternate
	J. Shah, alternate

ITEM B - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2003

Gauri made a motion that the Minutes of June 4, 2003 be approved. Supported by Rodgers. All voted in favor.

ITEM C - VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Pat Ruhana, Troy resident. Ruhana stated that she had called the Building Department to inquire about handicap access at her place of residence and was told about the Committee. She stated that she was glad to know the Committee existed and wanted to attend to find out what it was all about. Ruhana's e-mail address is Pruhana@Wideopenwest.com

ITEM D - NEW BUSINESS

The City has asked Bertin to serve on the new Civic Center Priority Task Force, and his appointment was approved by City Council on Monday August 4, 2003. House is also interested in the Civic Center Project, and would like to attend the meetings whenever possible.

Grace Yau the new student representative for the Committee attended the meeting for the first time. Yau is a junior at Troy High School, is on the girls swim team and secretary of the Spanish Club. When asked why she wanted to serve as a student representative on the Disabilities Committee she stated she has a friend who has a 13-year-old brother with a disability and she would like to do something to help him.

The Troy Rotary Club would like to build a playground for the physically challenged in Jaycee Park. Johnson and Done stated that they would like to help the Rotary Club with anything that they would need from the Disabilities Committee. This agenda item will be on City Council August 18, 2003. Bertin suggested that Johnson and Done call Sue Cicerone, President of the Rotary Club (248-641-9065) to offer any help.

Bertin stated that he had spoken with Tony Filippis about the possibility of getting the City of Troy to commit to a 30-year land space agreement for a baseball field for young people with disabilities. ~~Filippis stated that they did not get their proposal in on time for City Council to act. The City of Southfield has given them the land with specific surfaces for wheel chair access.~~ Filippis stated that the City of Troy's response did not meet the necessary deadline to commence construction this fall and that the Miracle Field will be constructed in Southfield. The City of Southfield has provided a 30 year land lease to build a specific baseball field for access and use by children with all type of disabilities. The field itself, restrooms, and dugouts will all be accessible to anyone with a disability.

ITEM E - REGULAR BUSINESS

Nancy Johnson and Pauline Manetta will attend the City Council Meeting on August 18, 2003.

ITEM F - OLD BUSINESS

Bertin has ~~compiled~~ compiled a list of participants that will have a booth at the Ability Expo at Troy Daze on September 11, 2003. There are several more organizations that are interested but have not been confirmed at this time.

Set up for the Ability Expo will take place between 3 and 5 PM and the event will start at 5:00 pm.

Buchanan has been working on a follow up letter to be sent to all participants prior to the event. Yau will contact the Chairperson of Project Lead to remind that organization about their commitment to help with the set up and tear down of booths.

The Advisory Committee will also have a booth at the Ability Expo and all members should try to attend. Assignments of time slots will be set at the September meeting.

ITEM G - INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Buchanan presented a letter asking to be excused from attending the ~~Disabilities~~ ACPD Meetings from September through December 2003. She will be attending college to finish her degree.

John Rodgers also presented an e-mail to Bertin stating that he will be leaving the Committee when his term is up in November 2003.

ITEM H - Adjourn

Kuschinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Rodgers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Leonard Bertin
Chairperson

Mary McGinnis
Recording Secretary